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obviously been written by a social retard and/or an idiot; and even if an idiotic piece is published it is the view of that particular idiot and does not necessarily reflect the idiotic views of anyone else on the paper.

Now, the same criterion is applicable to the editorial. There are many individuals working on the **Gazette** with equally individualistic views; the editorial can not reflect all of the views. Therefore, the editorial reflects only the views of the editor; it does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board, though quite often the board agrees among themselves on the content and perspective.

Sayonara,  
**Ron Norman, Assistant Editor**  
**Mike Greenfield**

**Cursory?**

To the Gazette:

The lack of objectivity displayed in the editorial of Oct. 16/75, was a sad comment on the credibility of the **Gazette's** viewpoints. Apparently derived from "a cursory examination" of the prime minister's anti-inflation policy, certain arguments in the editorial were cursory to the point of spontaneous blindness. I am referring to the lop-sided consideration that labor unions are the major villains of the cost of living crisis. Having given this notion hurricane stature amid winds of other possibilities, the editor gave no mention to the contingency that contemporary business practices might be at fault. Such underhandedness as contrived shortages to force price rises, packaging goods to the point of absurdity, mammoth waste of recycleable materials, or manufacturing goods (i.e. cars) which are built to fall apart, has contributed greatly to inflation. However, the editor, like many naive Canadians, chose to fall in line and get labor.

The naivete was not without motivation. The editor clearly displayed a cry-baby attitude prevalent among many "professional" and university people everywhere - that is, resentment towards manual laborers because they often make more dollars than skilled "professional" people. It is true. Construction workers, tradesmen, etc., are often earning much more than university graduates. However, most unions fought long and painfully for every inch of quality life they have gained. I suggest that "professional" groups get off their paltry bottoms of two-bit ethics and sob-story complaining and do the same. Certainly, some groups such as nurses, teachers, and the Path. Lab technicians are beginning to fight as a force. But, to seek advancement on the petty, competitive basis of whose getting the most and what for, as the editor inherently suggested, is divisive and self-defeating at best.

Face the facts. Everybody wants a decent standard of living. In a country of Canada's wealth, everybody who contributes, whether he pushes a broom or counts atoms in brain cells, is deserving of at least that. Until the most minimum wage is a platform for a decent living standard, there will be unrest amid all spheres of wage earners. The need for unions is hardly at an end. It is more, beginning. And the

struggle requires understanding, respect, and unity among all levels of employees. Petty intellectuals, with such a lack of vision and inspiration, as that displayed by the **Gazette** editor, can only stifle progressive steps toward a good living for "professionals" and labor alike.

Howard C. Pitts

**Campus Housing**

To the Gazette,

On Thursday, October 23, we had the honour and privilege of attending the annual Alumni-Student Dinner. After a delicious meal, members of the Students Council and the Board of Governors engaged in a very brisk discussion on student issues. The first area of discussion was the problem of housing, which could have gone on all night.

We were very impressed by the depth of the discussion and feel that this fact reveals the large problem that faces Dalhousie. However, we also have a strong fear that movement towards a solution of the problem will be limited to discussion for the next few years. Our constituents have expressed a desire to see immediate action since their stay at Dalhousie will in most cases be limited to the next few years. Their demands have been voiced for more housing along the Sherriff Hall-Howe Hall line hopefully on campus, if not, in the immediate vicinity.

The problem has escalated to such an extent that last year room draws were necessary in Sherriff Hall to select a restricted number of returning students. If one could have seen the tears and anxiety of the girls after the draw one could realize the importance of residence life! This year in Howe Hall, as a so-called "temporary measure" the university created triple rooms from doubles and double rooms from singles. This severely restricted living space per person and the problems it is causing are many - anxiety, animosity between roommates, etc. Many residents who would have stayed have left because of the conditions. It is obviously not a solution!

The purpose of a university is to educate its students; however, the education a student obtains outside a classroom is equally as important as that found in the academic world. Residence life is an integral part of any university. While it would be ideal for Dalhousie to offer housing to all of its students this is impractical. None the less Dalhousie should make a more concerted effort to open its doors to more students. Due to the lack of housing facilities many students outside the Halifax-Dartmouth area are often deprived from attending what in many cases can be considered the University of the Atlantic Provinces.

What plans are in the offing? No one knows. Will residence at Sherriff Hall be restricted completely to Freshettes? Will more rooms be converted at Howe Hall? Will anything be done about housing for Dalhousie students? We need more than just discussion. More pressure by the Student body will go a long way to speeding up a solution.

Sincerely  
 Keith Evans - Howe Hall Rep.  
 Paula Kinley - Sherriff Hall Rep.

**Comment**

**UN anti-semitic**

by Mike Greenfield

On October 17, 1975 the United Nations Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee by a vote of 70 to 29 (27 abstentions, 16 absent) approved a resolution declaring Zionism a form of racial discrimination. According to Daniel Moynihan, US delegate to the UN, the resolution will pass in the General Assembly. Perhaps one would laugh at this, just as in the 30's one chuckled at some of the insane things Hitler was saying, but this resolution makes a mockery of international justice and the United Nations.

The Arabs have sufficient funds to have the resolution passed; they have turned the UN into a stock market where they can buy votes like shares and resolutions like corporations. A report on the CBC said that the Arab leaders have agreed to muffle international protest denouncing imprisonment and torture of political prisoners in Brazil and Chile if these countries vote for the resolution.

As the UN proves itself more inept the justification for it becomes questionable. Mr. Moynihan, appearing on CBS television, said, "We're just going to have to act like the United Nations is not a very important place, and we don't want to do that."

More important than making a mockery and destroying the credibility of the UN, this resolution has the effect of legitimizing anti-semitism to the world. Leonard Garment, a member of the US delegation to the UN, charged that the resolution "encourages the racism known as anti-Semitism even as its words would have us believe that it would lead to the elimination of racism."

The resolution in essence states that any Jew wishing to aspire to more than a ghetto is a racist. For thousands of years the Jew has been subject to racism, all the while yearning the Zion. \* Zionism is defined as the movement to re-establish a national Jewish state in the ancient land of Israel. Anyone who tries to detach being a Jew and being a Zionist is attempting to say that the yolk is not part of the egg. And for many two terms are synonymous.

Over half the population of Israel are Jews freed from Arab lands. Jews today in Syria are forced to live in a ghetto, vicious in tone and medieval in character. Many have been subject to torture and need a pass to leave the ghetto.

The hypocrisy of this resolution is monumental. While many people in the Arab states struggle under the yoke of what black activist Bayard Rustin terms a "feudal" system, their governments are willing to spend their money supporting and encouraging hatred. And while Egypt is one state that is beginning to realize the need for rational action this simply infuriates the more radical elements who desperately clutch to their destructive emotions.

Israel is the realization of a centuries old struggle for liberation. The world powers, past and present, have never been able to destroy that dream, a dream still not realized by the many Jews who have to suffer for their religion.

Jews in 15 cities in the Soviet Union have risked repression to issue a public protest condemning the resolution. For Jews in the Soviet Union to protest as Jews means opening themselves to harassment, loss of jobs and even imprisonment in mental institutions.

Although racial hatred is not new to the Jew, there should be public

outcry to prevent the new wave of hatred that is emanating from the UN. In this way the world can prove that justice is still around, even if it is not at the UN.



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